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News from your Town Council

Major planning application

Sedgemoor District Council has received an application for Outline Planning Permission, with some matters reserved, for the erection of 20 dwellings (5 affordable) and creation of vehicular access, on the site of existing dwelling and outbuildings (to be demolished) at Mendip View, Cheddar Road, Axbridge, BS26 2DL (application no. 02/17/00022/DT).

Details of the application can be found by going to Sedgemoor's website at:

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/planning_online

and entering the planning application number above.

Comments on the application can be made directly to Sedgemoor District Council by Thursday 14th September 2017.

Public Meeting:

A public meeting will be held on Monday 11th September 2017 at 6.30pm in Axbridge Town Hall, followed by a meeting of Council at 8.15pm to consider the Town Council's response to this application.

This public meeting will be the main opportunity for residents to give their opinion on the application - there will be no opportunity for public participation at the Council meeting that follows, at which the Council will decide its recommendation to Sedgemoor District Council on the application presented and discussed at the public meeting.

Written comments from residents are encouraged and will be accepted prior to the public meeting. Written comments may be sent to the Town Clerk (address overleaf)

Sedgemoor budget consultation

Your say on how your council tax is spent

Sedgemoor District Council wants residents' views on how it should spend its proportion of the Council Tax. The budget cycle in Sedgemoor starts now, with the final decisions on budgets by mid-February 2018. The Council continues to work within a very tight budget and will be reviewing its services to make sure that every penny is spent wisely. SDC gets approximately 9p from each pound paid in council tax, the rest going to Somerset County Council, the Police, Fire and Rescue Services and Parish/Town councils.

The consultation period will run until October 20th, 2017.

10,000 questionnaires are being sent out to a random sample of Sedgemoor residents, but anyone else wanting a questionnaire, or further information, should phone 0300 303 7800 or go to:

www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/budgetconsultation

Axbridge Carnival

The Carnival will take place on Saturday 23rd September, and the fair will be in place in The Square from Wednesday 20th. The procession will assemble in Jubilee Road from 2.00pm for a 2.30pm start.

The roads will be closed and buses diverted along the by-pass from 1.00pm until 6.00pm.

Classic car event

A classic car event, organised by the Chamber of Commerce, will take place in The Square on Sunday 24th September from 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Callow Rock Quarry

Callow Rock Quarry is holding an open day on Saturday 30th September from 10am to 3pm in aid of Macmillan Cancer.

Sea Cadets

Council was updated on progress of the Sea Cadets Unit, which now has over 30 cadets. A new Commanding Officer has been appointed. One cadet, Katherine Sousa, has been appointed the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet. Details of joining the unit or volunteering to help with it can be found at:

www.sea-cadets.org/axbridge

Domestic security

Council is aware of reports of back gates, sheds, etc having been opened over the summer holiday period, and understands that there has been a recent spate of burglaries. Residents are advised to review their own security arrangements in light of these reports.

Axbridge Town Trust

100 Club winners:

First winning number £100 - 71

Second winning number £50 - 72

Third winning number £25 - 82

This was the last draw from the current club. The trustees will soon be contacting existing members to rebook for another year. There will be more prize winners next time, albeit with a lower top prize.

New planters

The Trust hopes to have 13 new wooden planters in place in The Square in time for this year's winter planting in October.

Somerset Playing Fields Association

Axbridge has again received an award for the Furlong in the association's Field of the Year competition.

NHS Health checks

The health checks, which were available in an NHS van in The Square on 29th August, are also available at Axbridge Chemists. Anyone interested should enquire at the Chemists.

Some other dates for this Autumn

Harvest service -

Sunday 10th September at 6.30pm
(Methodist Church)

Remembrance Day -

Sunday 12th November at 11.00am
(St John the Baptist Church)

Father Christmas Night

Saturday 16th December from 5.00pm
(The Square)

Civic Service

The date for next year's Civic Service has now been fixed - it will take place on Sunday 25th February at 3.00pm in St John the Baptist Church and afterwards in the Town Hall.

Sedgemoor Lifeline

A Lifeline alarm will help to keep you safe in your home by putting you in touch with a dedicated team of staff if you need help. With a wearable pendant or wrist band you can contact us 24 hours a day.

For details of a special offer, open until 30th September, telephone 01278-435776

Town maintenance contractor

The contractor worked 27 hours during June and July on tasks including:

- Litter picking & hedge trimming on The Furlong
- Litter picking in the car parks
- Cutting down & removing a fallen tree.
- Refixing a bin in Moorland Street car park
- Strimming the allotment paths
- Litter picking in the car park near the surgery
- Hedge trimming in the town car park

- Trimming a hedge at Townsend
- Clearing overgrown foliage on the footpath steps on the north side of the by-pass.

The contractor has also been asked to clear Wood Lane, to build a notice board for the allotments and to look at the water supply for the allotments and repairing of the cycle racks in The Square.

The cemetery

People visiting the cemetery are asked to take rubbish away with them to help keep the cemetery tidy, and also to close the cemetery gates if they have entered that way.

IT developments

The council's website is being redesigned and it is hoped it will be 'live' by October. A new contract with a better, more flexible, hosting service will be taken out which will also give the council an improved e-mail system. Advice is also being taken on how best to integrate social media with the website, possibly giving the council a Facebook page.

The Play Area

Following an inspection priority remedial work has been carried out, including work to the aerial runway, springy toys and running machine. Council will consider applying for funds to improve this area.

Other matters . . .

Other matters raised or discussed in Council during August include:

- Improving the ground around the ball wall on The Furlong
- Misuse of the disabled parking place in The Square
- Condition of Back Lane (overgrown and dog fouling)
- Concern about a bull being in the field crossed by the footpath to Cross
- Repair of the handbells
- Alteration to the Town Bailiff's robes
- Allotment allocation and inspection

Residents are invited to attend Town Council meetings to raise issues or just to listen. Matters may be brought to the Council's attention via the Town Clerk.

Meetings are normally held in the Town Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30 pm
The September meeting will be on Monday 18th September at 7.30pm

The agenda is displayed in advance outside the Town Hall and on the website

The Town Clerk, Vicky Brice, can be contacted by phone or e-mail:
07884 264033 vicky.brice@axbridge-tc.gov.uk
or by post to PO Box 1184, Axbridge, BS26 2WJ

The Town Council's website is at: www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk

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